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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA CONSULTATIONS: SENEGAL

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1. REFTEL MESSAGES FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK AND FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TO AMBASSADOR AMADOU MOCTAR CISSE, CHIEF OF SENEGAL'S DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE, DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 25 UNDER NOTE DESCRIBING DARMAN/SMITH VISIT AND PROPOSING MEETING DURING AFTERNOON OF MARCH 30.

2. DCM DISCUSSED VISIT MARCH 25 WITH FON MINISTRY DIRECTOR POLITICAL/CULTURAL AFFAIRS SALOUM KANDE AND WITH DOUDOU DIOP, MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND OUR PRINCIPAL LOCAL CONTACT ON LOS ISSUES. DIOP REGRETTED THAT HE PROBABLY WOULD BE OUT OF COUNTRY FOR NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING MARCH 28. HE SAID AMBASSADOR CISSE, WHO IS CURRENTLY AT MAR DEL PLATA WATER RESOURCES CONFERENCE, HAD ALREADY BEEN ASKED TO RETURN HOME FOR APRIL 1 CONSULTA-
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TIONS WITH GOS, BUT NO INDICATION OF CISSE'S TRAVEL PLANS HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED. KANDE AND DIOP FELT CISSE'S PRESENCE WOULD BE IMPORTANT, BUT SAID TALKS COULD BE ARRANGED WITH LOWER RANKING OFFICIALS DEALING WITH LOS AND POSSIBLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT VISITORS WILL WISH TO GET INTO

HOTEL ROOMS AND FRESHEN UP (OR REST IF SCHEDULE PERMITS)
AFTER 6:45 AM ARRIVAL. AS HOTEL CHECK-IN TIME IS 12:00
NOON, EMBASSY IS RESERVING ROOMS AT HOTEL TERANGA IN
CENTRAL DAKAR FOR NIGHTS OF MARCH 29 AND 30 BOTH. ROOM
COST WILL BE BETWEEN \$36 AND \$48 PER NIGHT, FOR TOTAL OF
BETWEEN \$72 AND \$96 FOR DAKAR STOP FOR EACH PERSON.

4. MISSION WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE PRODUCTIVE
CONSULTATIONS WITH GOS BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT IDEAL
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN TIME AVAILABLE. WE DOUBT
THAT DISCUSSIONS IN-DEPTH WILL BE POSSIBLE IN ABSENCE OF
DIOP IF CISSE DOES NOT RETURN IN TIME. (ON OTHER HAND, IF
CISSE ARRIVES IN TIME, TIMING WILL BE IDEAL.) EMBASSY DOES
NOT EXPECT CONFIRMATION OF VISIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM
SENEGALESE UNTIL EARLY WEEK OF MARCH 28.

5. DURING DAKAR TALKS, GOS MAY PURSUE ITS OCT 27 QUERY ON
ROLE OF SEABED AUTHORITY (76 DAKAR 7073), TO WHICH US
HAS NOT RESPONDED.

6. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY FRENCH CAPABILITY OF LOS TEAM.

7. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT IS EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER
ALAN MCKEE, WHO
WILL MEET DELEGATION ON ARRIVAL.
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